Index No. 07-CV-9227

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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E. PACKMAN, individually and for all

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others similarly situated,

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Plaintiff,

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- against -

SALLY, INC.,

IT'S JUST LUNCH INTERNATIONAL, IT'S JUST LUNCH, INC., and HARRY AND

:

Defendants.

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## DECLARATION OF CRAIG STUART LANZA IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO SUBSTITUTE LEAD PLAINTIFF

- I, Craig Stuart Lanza, declare under penalty of perjury pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746 as follows:
- 1. I am an attorney at the law firm Balestriere Lanza PLLC, attorneys for plaintiff, Einat Packman, ("Plaintiff"). As such I am familiar with the facts and circumstances of this matter.
- 2. I submit this declaration to put before the Court true and correct copies of certain documents that are pertinent to plaintiff's Motion to Substitute Lead Plaintiff.
- 3. On October 15, 2007, plaintiff through counsel filed a complaint alleging that defendants had committed fraud and violated New York General Business Law § 349 for false advertising.
  - 4. Subsequent to the October 2007 media coverage of plaintiff's allegations,

Balestriere Lanza PLLC has been contacted by 55 potential class members of the aboveentitled action.

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- 5. Since October 15, 2007, Balestriere Lanza PLLC has received signed engagement letters from 14 members of the putative class.
- 6. On Dec. 27, 2007, Christine Rodriguez contacted Balestriere Lanza PLLC, and on January 3, 2008, Rodriguez signed an engagement letter.
- 7. On May 13, 2008, I had a phone conversation with plaintiff to discuss particulars of her case and arrange a time to meet in order to prepare for an upcoming deposition. I later sent Plaintiff an email to confirm our phone conversation.
- 8. Between May 14, 2008, and May 19, 2008, plaintiff and I attempted, through several emails, attached hereto as Exhibit A, to settle on a time and date to meet and prepare for an upcoming deposition. Plaintiff and I agreed to meet on May 21, 2008, at approximately 8:00 p.m.
- 9. On May 21, 2008, at approximately 7 p.m., I received a message from plaintiff expressing reservations about moving forward with the above-entitled action and suggesting that one of the other interested plaintiffs take over as lead plaintiff. Due to this phone message our planned meeting for the evening was cancelled.
- 10. On the morning of May 22, 2008, I notified both, defendant's counsel, Bari Klein, and the Court, of the May 21, 2008, development.
- 11. Attached to this declaration, under the identified exhibit tabs, are true and correct copies of the following documents:

Exhibit A E-mail communications between Einat Packman and Craig

Stuart Lanza, dated May 14, 2008, May 15, 2008, May 19,

2008, and May 27, 2008

Exhibit B Proposed Amended Complaint

Dated:New York, New York June 6, 2008 Respectfully submitted,

s/ Craig Stuart Lanza

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing document was served on the following counsel of record on June 6, 2008, via the methods listed below:

## By ECF and First Class Mail

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